

NGAC Bylaws Revision



NGAC Meeting
October 28, 2020

NGAC Charter & Bylaws

NGAC Charter:

- Required by FACA
- Follows format provided by GSA & DOI
- [Current NGAC charter](#) updated March 2020, addresses NGAC roles/responsibilities described in GDA

NGAC Bylaws:

- Not required by FACA
- No prescribed format
- [Current NGAC bylaws](#) adopted by NGAC in 2008

NGAC Operations Subcommittee

- **Established 2019**
- **Initial Task:** Revise NGAC Bylaws to reflect and align with GDA
- **Membership:**
 - Cy Smith (Chair), Xavier Irias, Rebecca Somers, Harvey Thorleifson, Bobbi Lenczowski, Gar Clarke, Jason Warzinik, Christine Stinchcomb, John Mahoney, Ken Shaffer, Tricia Gibbons
- Developed revised draft bylaws – August 2019
 - Incorporated NGAC roles/responsibilities required under GDA
 - Consistent with Charter language

Bylaws - Outline

Sec. I	Purpose
Sec. II	Authority
Sec. III	Membership Selection and Appointment
Sec. IV	Meeting Procedures
Sec. V	Subcommittees
Sec. VI	Decision-Making
Sec. VII	Role of NGAC Officials
Sec. VIII	Expenses and Reimbursement
Sec. IX	Reports and Information
Sec. X	Review and Amendments of the Bylaws

DOI Review

- Draft Bylaws reviewed by DOI Solicitors Office & FACA Committee Management staff.
- Suggested changes:
 - Clarified that all NGAC meetings should be fully open to the public (*“DOI does not close FACA meetings to the public”*)
 - Meetings should always include opportunity for public comment (*“We should always allow the public to make an oral public comment even if it’s for a limited time”*)

DOI Review

- DOI suggested changes, cont'd:
 - Subcommittees: Notes that subcommittee appointments should be made by NGAC Chair *“in consultation with the DFO.”*
 - Remove provision for proxy voting (*“...It is not forbidden in statute or regs as far as I know, but I think it would be problematic for a member who has not been at meeting hearing all views, including the views of the public in the open setting of a meeting, to be voting for a given decision. Alternates are allowable if charter allows, but proxy votes I think would not work.”*)

Discussion / Action